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Field experiments were conducted in alluvial sandy loam soils at Agra to find out the effect of N rates (0, 20, 40, 80, 120 and 160 kg/ha) on root proliferation (RP), moisture use efficiency (MUE) and uptake of nutrients by mustard under rainfed (R) and minimal irrigation (MI) conditions. Application of nitrogen at 80 kg N/ha resulted in maximum total uptake of NPK and root proliferation was also observed at 80 kg N/ha rate. Comparatively better results recorded under MI conditions may be attributed to higher initial soil moisture and an irrigation of 30 mm depth before flowering stage.